

Whereas Former Executive Secretary of the Detroit Branch of the NAACP, Arthur Johnson, said that "in the civil rights movement, she knew how to fight without being disagreeable";

Whereas Millie ran for public office in 1974 and was elected by the people of Michigan to the Wayne State University Board of Governors, an office she held for 16 years (1974-1990);

Whereas Millie served 3 terms as chair of the Wayne State University Board of Governors;

Whereas Millie loved Wayne State University and was a long-time resident on campus;

Whereas Millie never tired of showing visitors around her "neighborhood"—the Adamany Undergraduate Library, the Hilberry Theatre, and the Walter P. Reuther Library of Wayne State University;

Whereas Millie thrived in the academic environment enriched by Wayne State University students;

Whereas whether discussing mathematics with teenagers in Wayne State University's Math Corps or strategizing at the United Nations Conferences on Women about the plight of sweatshop workers, Millie's capacity for connecting with people was unmatched;

Whereas Millie was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and was an original member of the board of the Michigan Women's Foundation;

Whereas Millie served in various leadership roles in a wide variety of national and State organizations;

Whereas Millie served on the peer review board of Blue Cross;

Whereas Millie also was an active member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Detroit; and

Whereas the United States mourns the death of Mildred McWilliams "Millie" Jeffrey: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life of Mildred McWilliams "Millie" Jeffrey and her contributions to her community and to the United States; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Millie Jeffrey.

HONORING PAST AND CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 424, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 424) honoring past and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and encouraging Americans to wear red poppies on Memorial Day.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 424) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2451 and H.R. 4279

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask that they be read for the first time, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will read the titles of the bills for the first time, en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2451) to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to restore the application date of country of origin labeling.

A bill (H.R. 4279) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements, to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system, and to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve access and choice for entrepreneurs with small businesses with respect to medical care for their employees.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for their second reading and, in order to place the bills on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to further proceedings of these matters, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2728 and S. 2448

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for their second reading. I ask unanimous consent that the bills be given their second reading, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will read the titles of the bills for the second time, en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2728) to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to provide for adjudicative flexibility with regard to an employer filing of a notice of contest following the issuance of a citation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for greater efficiency at the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; to provide for an independent review of citations issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; to provide for the award of attorney's fees and costs to very small employers when they prevail in litigation prompted by the issuance of citations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and to amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes.

A bill (S. 2448) to coordinate rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 with other Federal laws.

Mr. FRIST. I object to further proceedings on the measures, en bloc, at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bills are placed on the calendar.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 3550

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following conferees on behalf of the Senate:

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Coleman) appointed Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Warner, Mr. Bond, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Lott, Mr. Shelby, Mr. McCain, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Reid, Mr. Graham of Florida, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Baucus, and Mr. Conrad.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2004

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 21. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of Calendar No. 503, S. 2400, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Department of Defense authorization bill. There will be no votes tomorrow, but Senators WARNER and LEVIN will have a series of cleared amendments. Following that action, we will proceed to a period for morning business to accommodate Senators who do wish to make statements.

As I stated earlier, there will be no votes during tomorrow's session. The next vote will occur on Tuesday, June 1, the day we return from recess. I will have more to say tomorrow on the post-recess schedule.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:39 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 21, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 20, 2004:

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

EDWIN D. WILLIAMSON, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE AMY L. COMSTOCK, RESIGNED.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MARK D. GEARAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, (NEW POSITION)

LEONA WHITE HAT, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A